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Reply and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2003, Applicant submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is requested. Claims 1-6, 9, 11-13, 15, and 17-25 are now in the case. All pending claims stand rejected.

Claims 1-6, 9, 11-13, 15, and 17-25 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 41, 42, and 46-54 of copending Application No. 10/139,583.

Because this rejection is provisional and the '583 application is currently pending, Applicant will defer action on this rejection. In the event that the '583